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## STEP FORWARD IN IRRIGATION PLANS FOR ALBERTA

### GARDINER STATES RESETTLEMENT IS TO BE EXPEDITED

"More Active Program" Under  
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Purchase Is Announced

#### DETAILS GIVEN

#### Dominion Soon Ready to Talk With Provinces on Cost Distribution

By M. McDUGALL, Press Gallery  
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Oct. 19th.—The irrigation plans for the Prairie Provinces have taken a definite step forward with the Government's approval of the purchase of the assets of the Canada Land and Irrigation Company at Medicine Hat.

It was explained by the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, when making the announcement, that the reason for the purchase is to enable the Dominion to carry out "a more active program in resettlement under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation program." It is the intention, he said, to move farmers from drought areas of the Prairie Provinces.

#### Area Involved

The irrigable area of land involved in the purchase is about 110,000 acres. There are now about 400 farmers operating with the company at Vauxhall, Alberta. The Dominion will arrange for the operation of the irrigation works, and other irrigable lands will be developed for the resettlement of farmers.

The Headquarters of the Canada Land and Irrigation Company are in London, it is explained, and negotiations are going on with them now. The Government has every reason to believe that they will be concluded successfully, and then the necessary work could begin.

The Minister explained, however, in the discussion of his estimates in the House, that a definite responsibility for irrigation projects rested with the Province. Up to the present time, he stated, the Dominion authorities had taken an interest in P.F.R.A. activities since 1936 to an extent of over \$30,000,000, and in the present estimates \$7,500,000 is being asked for major irrigation projects, with \$3,000,000 for P.F.R.A., making a total of \$10,500,000 for the year.

As soon as the estimates have passed the House, the Minister said, the Federal authorities would be prepared to sit down with representatives of the Province of Alberta and come to a decision on what proportion of costs should be assumed by the Federal and what by the Provincial Government.

#### The Various Projects

The amount appropriated for this Bow River project "conditional upon satisfactory agreements with the Province of Alberta and others," is \$2,000,000 for the year, and this will be used in the development of the ditches already cut by the Canada Land and Irrigation Company for the transport

## Suggest Advisory Group for CBC

### Indian Prime Minister to Visit Canada



Tomorrow, Saturday, October 22nd, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of the new Dominion of India, will arrive at Niagara Falls to fulfill engagements in Canada to last five days. He will address the House of Commons at Ottawa. The picture, taken soon after his arrival in the United States for important conferences, shows the Indian prime minister with his sister, Krishna Nehru.

### Only 70 U.K. Citizens Net Over £6,000 a Year

LONDON, Eng.—In the year 1947-48 (these are the latest figures available) there were only 70 citizens of the United Kingdom with a disposable income of more than £6,000, after paying income tax and surtax. To attain £6,000 a year net it was necessary to have a gross income of about £100,000. To have a disposable income of £5,000 required the possession of a gross income of about £50,000. To attain a free income of £2,000 it was necessary to make nearly £4,000. These net incomes have now less than half their former purchasing power. These figures are from the recently published report of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

of water for lands to the West, which in all probability will be developed by the Province when they are developed, and to supply water to the East of Medicine Hat. The water has to be carried about 200 miles from the Bow River beyond Calgary, the minister said.

For the St. Mary's irrigation project, the appropriation asked is \$2,900,000. Already about \$5,000,000 has been

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### PROPOSAL IS MADE IN SUBMISSION BY A.F.A. THIS WEEK

Creation of Private Network in  
Competition With National  
System Opposed by A.F.A.

#### FARMERS' POSITION

#### Brief to Royal Commission Urges Full Control Be Retained by CBC

EDMONTON, Alta. — Giving strong support to the stand taken by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in favor of continued control of all broadcasting in the Dominion by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; opposing in positive terms the creation of any network of the private broadcasting companies in competition with the C.B.C.; and bluntly condemning any plan which would mean vesting control in a new Commission to control both the publicly-owned and the private stations; the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, in a brief submitted here this week to the Royal Commission on Arts, Letters and Science headed by Vincent Massey, suggests for study the possibility of setting up an Advisory Committee to the Board of Governors.

#### Role Advisory Only

The A.F.A. proposes that such a committee should consist of eight to twelve members, with the Chairman of the Board of Governors acting as Chairman. Its functions should be strictly advisory only; and appointments to it "could be on the basis of community representation in the different regions across Canada." Composed of both men and women "whose ability has been recognized as sympathetic to and capable of representing to the highest degree community and regional interests" the committee would act as a link between the Board and the resident listener.

The Brief, presented in the name of the membership and Directors of the Federation, is signed by Roy C. Marler, President, and James R. McFall, Secretary.

#### CBC Democratic System

Viewing the issues from the standpoint of the rural community and the general body of citizens of Canada, the brief sets forth that "we as rural people are conscious of our responsibility to society," and that "our sole purpose is to support and protect public ownership and control of the nation's radio system, fully believing that it has rendered, is rendering and can continue to render the best service at the least cost to the people of Canada. Service to the people should remain the first and most important consideration. This applies even more emphatically to the development of television, because the influence of vision in radio is much greater than sound broadcasting."

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### Alberta Showing Not Good

While there has been improvement in the proportion of high grade barley shipped to the National Barley Contest from Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the showing by Alberta so far is not so good. An unusually unfavorable season in the barley growing area of the Province seems likely to make the overall Alberta showing this year less favorable than in the other two Provinces.

### Hog Marketings Up

OTTAWA, Oct. 17th. — The upward trend of hog marketings which was apparent in July, and accelerated in August, was even more noticeable in September, for which complete figures are now available. September marketings, as compared with those of the same month a year ago, showed an increase in Eastern Canada of nearly 30 per cent and in Western Canada of almost 8 per cent, or an average for all Canada of about 19 per cent.

#### FIRST IMPORTS FROM DENMARK

By a recent agreement, the British Ministry of Food will buy 3,000 tons of frozen pork from Denmark between now and the end of the year — the first imported from Denmark since 1926.

# S. ALWYN BARTLETT

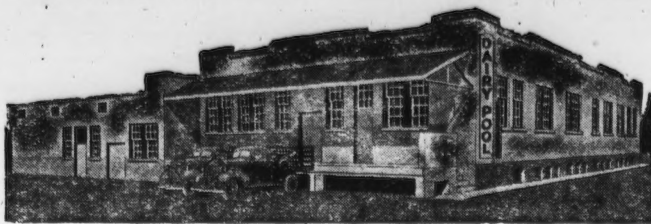
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## SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



## Britain Today - Children's New Deal

By OSWALD SHORT

FELLOW MEMBERS: When I asked Mr. Short to keep our Section of The Western Farm Leader in mind while he was overseas, I knew that we could look forward to some valuable feature articles. What he has written exceeds even my expectations. In some aspects of dairying, he has shown, Britain could learn something from us. He has also made it quite evident that we can study, with future profit to our own land, what the British people are doing to raise the standards of health and education and general well-being, and thus ensure vigorous nationhood in the difficult years ahead. Thank you, Mr. Short, for the inspiring account you have given of what you learned during your visit.

Yours fraternally,

PRESIDENT.

DURING our holiday in Britain, we were especially impressed by the contrast between the frightful neglect of the health of children which was so general thirty-eight years ago, and the care they receive today. Strange as it may seem, the first big improvement took place during World War I. Throughout that struggle the children were better fed than they had ever been fed before. A further great advance was made during World War II, under the Coalition Government headed by Winston Churchill, when Sir John (now Lord) Boyd Orr was given the opportunity to begin to put into practice his ideas for

providing the people with a properly balanced diet. Admiration is due for what was accomplished then, and full credit. But what we observed this summer compelled us to conclude that whatever criticism the present Government may meet, it may fairly claim to have done more for the children in a shorter time than any other Government in British history.

### Slandorous Misstatements Resented

I really think all the people of Britain, however diverse their views on some subjects may be, are proud of what has been done in this field. I know that even the keenest critics of the Government resent the distortions that are sometimes printed on this side of the water, because these do harm not just to one particular group, but to Britain as a whole. Those who malign Britain make it more difficult for her to establish relations with the United States and Canada to ensure economic survival. Patriotic British people, no matter how hard fought their own domestic battles may be, resent the slanderous misstatements which are made from time to time on this side of the Atlantic.

From its earliest beginnings, the Labor Movement has championed the children. It may be judged by its fruits today. Day by day the children grow more healthy. Day by day malnutrition and rickets are becoming more and more medical curiosities.

### What Is Being Done for Children

There is free milk in all schools (more on this later), and there is cheap milk for children in the homes. There are family allowances to provide for those little extras. Income tax allowances for children have been increased.

But care of the children begins long before this. There are extra rations

## Co-operators of Sixteen Countries Go to School

LANCASTER, Eng. — Eighty men and women from sixteen countries attended the International Co-operative School held last month in Lancashire, England. The students were housed in the co-operatively owned Grand Hotel, at Grange-over-Sands, in the English Lake country. Discussions centered upon social aspects of co-operation.

for the mother-to-be, and especially are there supplies of vitamins and of calcium through the "priority pint" that make for healthy bones and teeth before the citizen of tomorrow sees the light of day.

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### Changes in the Schools

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There will be fewer square pegs in round holes as a result of the new Vocational Guidance Services to be provided in all areas by committees of local men and women acting with expert advice. There will be more young people in the jobs they want to do, and later on there will be a new spirit in all kinds of work. For the unfortunate, the educationally subnormal, the temporarily maladjusted, there is new hope. Special schools are

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Twice as many schools will be built in 1949 as in 1948 and the Government plans to spend £55 million on the program. (I may say that about 6,000 schools were destroyed by enemy action during the war.)

## French Expert's Prediction

The French expert, Professor Henri Bonnet, after spending some time in Britain to study the health and social service scheme, said that "in ten years' time Britain's children will be mentally and physically superior to any in Europe."

You ask one question. Would you have got this progress from any other Government? Everyone is entitled to an opinion about that, but I don't think so, and really if I'm asked to write, I must give my own honest opinion. I am confident, however, that the services I am describing have come to stay. In spite of what might have seemed insuperable odds, pledges have been kept. The British may not have created paradise, but they have welcomed little children and forbidden them not; and of such children, we are told, is the Kingdom of Heaven.

The people of Britain are proud of their Health Service, which they consider the best in the world. One test of a nation's health is the death rate among its citizens. In 1939, 50 out of every 1,000 children born died before their first birthday; in 1947, 41; in 1938 still births were 38 per 1,000; in 1947, 24. The figures up to date were not available, but I was informed by a nurse that the rate is now very low indeed.

## Lowest Death Rates on Record

The Chief Medical Health Officer for Britain, in a radio address in August declared that rates for maternity mortality, infant mortality, and deaths from communicable diseases are the lowest on record, and gave the credit to the sensible policy of this Government.

## Food Conditions

With regard to food, the people could do with a little more variety, but on the whole they don't think they do too badly (this is in the mining and heavy industrial districts). They eat less meat, bacon, eggs and fats; they are drinking more milk; eat more cheese, more dried fruit, and much more jam — three pots for every two before the war; and they drink cocoa and coffee. They eat twice as many potatoes. With the increase in the sugar and sweets ration, jam and marmalade are off the ration, and the cheaper sweets unrationed. In 1949 they will get 100 eggs per person compared with 78 in 1948.

The cost of living is lower than in Canada. If it were not for the subsidy, the cost of living for a family of four would be 14 shillings and 6 pence a week more.

I dealt with the national health insurance scheme in the last issue, but I should like to add this bit of information to what I gave then: Up to the end of 1948, some 3,000,000 spectacles had been distributed, without direct cost to recipient, and 40,000 hearing aids. Of course, there was a rush to obtain these on the part of many who had needed them for years but had not been able to pay for them. The

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## THE AWARD TO LORD BOYD ORR

In the fine poem which appears on this page, Isa Grindlay Jackson accclaims the perfect fitness of the award to Lord Boyd Orr of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1949.

When, in 1936, a Scottish farmer, John Boyd Orr published "Food, Health and Income," demonstrating that half of the people of the United Kingdom were unable through lack of means to obtain a diet adequate for the maintenance of health, the public conscience was awakened. Some ameliorative measures were taken. But it was not until the outbreak of the Second World War that, faced by the sheer necessity of raising the standard of nutrition among the lower income groups in the interests of national defence, the first bold attack upon the problem was made, and Sir John Boyd Orr, as he became, was fortunately chosen to take charge of the necessary planning. His remarkable achievement in this field is a matter of record.

Since the end of the war, through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, of which he was the first Director General, surveys have been begun with a view to a systematic effort to raise nutritional standards on a world scale. The International Federation of Agricultural Producers is associated with FAO in this great undertaking.

The world's food supply, it has been shown, must be increased by more than 50 per cent to enable all people to obtain the Spartan diet of 2,700 calories a day — the present level in Britain. The task is gigantic and complex. Much more than one generation well may pass before it is completed.

In Lord Boyd Orr's words: "If the world's food supply is to be regulated by the needs of human beings, there will be no surplus in our day," . . . and "if Governments do not give whole-hearted co-operation in the beginnings of a food plan for the benefit of the peoples of the world, there is no alternative to a third world war."

But if "hunger is a powerful ideology," so is nutrition.

This year's award of the Peace Prize gives recognition to the fact that, in the long run, whatever short-term measures may be needed, the hopeful road to lasting peace is the road which Lord Boyd Orr has invited the nations to follow.

## THE FORGOTTEN FACTOR

That important section of the press of Canada and the United States which habitually condescends to instruct the British people and the British Government upon financial and economic matters, might make a more useful contribution to the solution of the world's problems if it could abandon the role of mentor for a time to demand that the debt incurred to Britain during the days when she fought virtually alone and exhausted her resources to save the free world shall be recognized and paid.

## THE NOBEL PRIZE-WINNER - 1949

*We glory in the tribute justly paid*

*To this great man whose path of vision cleaves  
The mirages by which peace is delayed.*

*He tells us boldly that while hunger weaves  
Its web of discontent, all hope is vain.*

*Until the earth's abundant fruits are shared  
The threat of dire destruction must remain,  
With all the panoply of war prepared.*

*Like pattering of rain upon a roof,*

*Vague promise long has fallen on the ear,  
Until the skeptic mind has held aloof.*

*But now, above confusion, we can hear  
This friend of freedom hold the truth to view—  
When want is vanquished war is vanquished too.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

Britain became bankrupt by reason of her fight for the survival of the values of civilization before the New World intervened effectively to redress the balance of the Old. Even Canada and the other Dominions benefited financially and economically by reason of Britain's sacrifice of her overseas investments.

Those who joined in the struggle later, vast as their contribution to victory became, had first built up their own financial power to unprecedented strength largely at the expense of Britain.

Yet this initial contribution of the British people was never taken into the accounting in any substantial way when the fighting ended. Unless and until it is taken into account, the debt to Britain in the financial field will not have been honorably discharged.

Almost three years ago **The Letter-Review** of Fort Erie North called attention to this forgotten factor in the war's accounting. The Fort Erie publication is a news commentary largely devoted to economic matters of a national and international nature. Its general tendency is conservative.

"Both Canada and the U.S.A.," wrote The Letter-Review in an article which was quoted in these columns, "should have returned to Britain, not as a gift, but as compensation, the value of all British holdings of Canadian and U.S. securities taken over during the period of cash on the barrel-head. That could have been done without any difficulty in explaining the reasons for its being done, and without offending the British pride . . . It is extremely urgent that in the case of Canada the post-war credit to the U.K. should start with this return of British investments in Canada which should never have been taken away."

Of course, there has been no such restoration. There is no evidence, of course, to suggest that the British Government has ever suggested that it might be done. Actual transfer of the holdings back to Britain would doubtless be impracticable now. That is not the point. What it is important to realize at this time is that without an evaluating of these lost investments the presentation of a true picture of relative financial contributions towards the winning of the war remains impossible.

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it."—Bernard Shaw.



## Valued Stimulus for Rural Extension Workers

By FRANK T. ALLISON

**C**ONCLUDING two weeks of intensive study in extension methods and techniques, delegates attending the Alberta University short course held recently in the Banff School of Fine Arts, expressed unanimous opinion the course had provided a much needed stimulus to extension workers in rural communities, and that it should be repeated in 1950.

Delegates attending, about 80 in number, represented the National Film Board, agricultural co-operatives, government extension workers and others interested in community development, and this topic was the subject of careful examination.

### Trend Towards "Remote Control"

One of the chief problems facing many prairie communities was found to stem from the current trend toward "remote control" farm operation, with farmers commuting to the land from a rural community residence. Mechanization of farm practices has made it profitable to work larger acreages with less manpower. The result is fewer families and fewer farmsteads per township, causing a breaking down of common ties which are needed to knit outlying communities into close association. Radio and the automobile, too, have extended the horizon of interests for the farm family.

There is also loss of interest in livestock in many districts, resulting in inactive agricultural societies and fewer town fairs. Such factors are recognized as a natural evolution of the times. Nevertheless they create problems in providing schools, churches and other facilities necessary for social welfare in the community. An extreme example was found in a central Saskatchewan area, where the number of families in a particular block had dropped from over 200 to 42 in a period of 20 years.

### Six Specific Patterns

Analysis of the various types of communities revealed that six specific patterns existed. These ranged from the pioneer type, generally found in a marginal area, and where the chief interest is survival, to the established urban community which enjoys most services and facilities found in cities. In between came the rural centre, the company town, the co-operative unit and special areas where activity is mostly seasonal and whose economic, social and physical factors are generally out of balance. It was felt by the conference that the term community was frequently applied without proper conception of the basic components comprising such a term. Concisely stated, it was accepted that a community is a geographic unit of population bound together for physical, social and economic reasons and whose interests revolve around a common focal point.

The objective of the extension worker is to contribute to community development by analyzing existing situations and working with others having common interests in solving community problems and improving conditions. Successful work, it was emphasized, could only result by arousing interest and enthusiasm of the majority of people concerned. This could be accomplished by meetings, demonstrations, publicity visits, etc., but, above all, success depended upon sound leadership.

### Greatest Value in Discussions

In the course evaluation presented by spokesmen for the various groups

represented, several suggestions were offered for future conferences. It was stressed that all instruction should be based on practical experience. The greatest value of the current course was found in the discussions led by specialists with extension training and wide experience under field conditions. It was also felt that a larger attendance would be attracted by holding future courses in either April or May. Agricultural organizations, among others, are now in the midst of a busy season and larger representation could be anticipated at a spring conference.

It was recognized that being the first course of its kind offered in Canada, the undertaking was of an experimental nature. As such it had accomplished much of value in bringing together so many extension workers contending with common problems in Western Canada. The conference reflected great credit upon Donald Cameron, M.Sc., Director of Extension for the University of Alberta, who had conceived its need and been responsible for its organization (Mr. Allison is Publicity Director for the U.G.G.).

## Can Order Canaid Christmas Parcel For Later Delivery

By far the best value for the money expended on food parcels for delivery in the United Kingdom is obtainable through United Emergency Fund for Britain (UEFB), whose special "Canaid" Christmas parcel may now be ordered.

Canaid parcels are packed in Canada and stored at the UEFB warehouse in Derby, England. All Christmas parcels, whenever ordered, will be held until ten days to two weeks before Christmas Day, so that no one need delay ordering. In fact, **The Western Farm Leader** is advised by H. A. Webster, of Calgary, Director for Alberta, that it would be wise to place orders now, as some items are not in too plentiful supply. Early orders will be given the preference. If shortages should occur, of course, they will be made up if possible. Deadline is November 15th.

The Canaid Christmas parcel for shipment overseas contains 1 lb. each canned boneless turkey, pie mix, rice, creamery butter, granulated sugar, biscuit mix, plum pudding, hard candy, cheese, 2 lbs. canned tongue, 14 ounces pork sausage and half a pound of tea. For the sum of \$9 this parcel will be delivered to any address in the United Kingdom (not elsewhere). Orders should be sent to UEFB Canaid, 128 Seventh Avenue West, Calgary.

Other regular Canaid parcels, ranging in price from \$2.45 to \$10.25, may be purchased at any time.

### All Purchased in Canada

In addition to the saving in costs due to bulk purchasing and shipment, the fact that all purchases are made in Canada means that there is no loss on exchange (which since devaluation would arise on products bought with the Canadian dollar in the United States). A portion of the order for turkeys has been placed in Alberta.

### At Calgary Stock Shows

In early judging at the Calgary Stock Shows (we go to press before judging is completed) successful exhibitors in swine classes included Blanche Ralston and Jane Ralston, Balzac (select bacon hogs); the EP Ranch, High River, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Young, Sibbald, J. L. Quance, Morrin, and J. H. Allonby, Forest Lawn (Hampshires);



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In the cattle divisions, winning Herefords were shown by Stanley Henker, Pincher Station, and Ed. Hehr, Midna-

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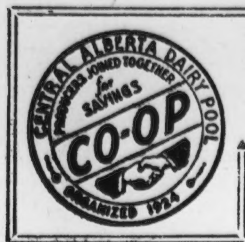
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### Demand for These Is Good

Good demand continues for well finished heavy market chickens.

There are quite a lot of fowl being marketed. Some in excellent condition and quite a lot having to be placed in B and C grades for being very pinny, being marketed during moulting period. Some have just laid themselves out and are thin

and poor.

The most common complaint in a processing plant is from the patron who markets a small breed of bird in the first place and then it has no flesh or fat on it in the second place.

### Small Birds Take Drop

Small birds take a distinctive drop in prices, as most buying prices of today are based on size; such as, over 5 pounds, 4 to 5 pounds, and under 4 pounds. This applies to both chicken and fowl. Broilers which are marketed earlier in the summer do bring a higher price with weights from 21 to 30 pounds per 12 bird pack. Possibly the cause for rapid decline in prices according to weights is that the public are buying the larger birds now with slightly fatter pocket books.

Restaurants and hotels prefer the larger size chicken and fowl. This could also apply to turkeys, as the cleaning job is practically no more in getting the large bird ready for the oven than the smaller one. As far as turkeys are concerned, the restaurants consume such a small percentage of the volume it has very little bearing on pricing according to weights.

### Dockage by Weights

There are still some turkey raisers who cannot understand the dockage in prices according to weights. We will endeavor to explain.

Place yourself living in a town or city with a family of 3 or 4. You wish a turkey for Christmas. The size you would select would be anywhere from 10 to 14 pounds, and there would be at least two reasons for doing so. One is the price and another is who can cook a 20-pound bird in an average home. When you consider 90 per cent of the turkey crop goes into homes such as we mention each Christmas, there certainly has to be a lot of small size turkeys.

Once again we ask you to do your best to market finished poultry. It will have a great bearing on future consumption of poultry meats, thereby making better markets for same.

### A Word on EGGS

We have before us a few appropriate pointers which are applicable to this time of year when pullets are commencing to lay. Possibly this will apply to numerous egg producers. If not, all the better.

It is headed "A SERIOUS LOSS", and the heading goes on: "Pullet Eggs — Up to 30% lost on range. A heavy loss of quality, as well, in those that are found. A pullet is a very timid creature, inclined to hide away her first nest. Poultry husbandry is changing — changing fast. It used to be that pullets were housed before they started to lay. With earlier hatching they may be laying two months or more before being housed. Outdoor nests provided near range shelters do help to save eggs. It appears, however, that a still better method of nesting and housing for pullets needs to be devised. The procurement and quality of pullet eggs on range is not keeping pace with changing production. It's hard enough to get eggs. Once laid — their care and conservation is important. Any loss of eggs — the end product — is deplorable."

The export market to Great Britain has been a great help in maintaining fair prices for eggs for several years in the past. As yet there is no definite arrangement made with Britain on export eggs, but we have every reason to expect an arrangement much the same again for 1950.

### The Storage Problem

A word on the storage program may be of interest to you. About the 15th of January we commence putting up eggs for storage. A Large and A Mediums only. They are brought into Red Deer from all branches, where they are oil dipped and a car of 600 cases is assembled, then inspected by Government Inspectors. After which they are placed in storage at a

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temperature of 29 degrees to 30 degrees. The eggs are held in the coolers until August or September, when they are all handled again for regrading. This work is done in rooms at 32 degrees, which is anything but warm for men and women to work in, especially with such a breakable object as an egg. After regrading is finished they are Government inspected again and shipped via refrigerator cars to seaboard, then moved quickly into coolers on the boats for their journey overseas.

At all times the eggs are kept at very low temperatures so there will be no sweating which, of course, would cause mould and deterioration of quality.

Therefore, it is very important that eggs are of very best quality, so that they will be able to stand all this handling and still arrive in good condition on the other side of the water.

Keep in mind A grade are the most popular on the market. So — **DO NOT OVERCROWD YOUR PULLETS;** give them every chance to make good, healthy, strong birds which will give you maximum production.

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## Farmers and Unemployment Insurance

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary A.F.A.

This article is for your information and will possibly be worth reading a second time as it may apply to you. We quote from a statement received from the C.F.A. office:

"The Unemployment Insurance Commission has recently given consideration to the question whether contributions are payable on behalf of skilled tradesmen, such as carpenters, plasterers, painters and bricklayers, in respect of periods when they are employed in their regular trades by farmers. Employment in agriculture is excluded from the Act, and hitherto casual services performed by tradesmen on farms have been treated as incidental to agriculture. Farmers have not been required to make contributions on behalf of such persons. They have been treated as being in excepted employment in the same way as a farmer's regular farm hands.

"The Commission's ruling in this matter has now been changed. Where a skilled tradesman, or any other person who normally works in insured employment, is employed in his own trade by the operator of a farm, such employment is now regarded as insurable, unless it is for not more than six days all told in a period of thirty consecutive days. Employment up to a

maximum of six days is considered employment of a casual nature otherwise than for the purpose of the employer's trade or business. Such casual employment is specifically excluded from contributions by paragraph (o) of Part II of the First Schedule to the Unemployment Insurance Act. Where a tradesman is employed for more than six days in any period of thirty consecutive days contributions are payable for the whole period of employment from the date it commenced.

### A Simple Example

"An example of the application of this ruling is as follows: If a farmer hires a carpenter for three or four days to make repairs to his house or barn, no contributions are required, even though the carpenter carries an insurance book and normally work in insurable employment. However, if the job lasts for more than six days, the farmer must make arrangements to procure unemployment insurance stamps and affix them to the employee's insurance book for the total number of days the man was employed.

"If a farmer frequently employs help of this type, for more than six days, so that he often becomes liable for payment of contributions, he should register as an employer at the nearest local office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission. The local office will issue him a license to purchase unemployment insurance stamps and on presenting this license at the post office he may obtain stamps for his employees.

### Where Farmer Not Registered

"Where a farmer is not registered as an employer and only on rare occasions has to hire carpenters and other skilled tradesmen, he may avoid the necessity of registering as an employer provided he furnishes the postmaster with a written statement giving the insurance numbers of the persons employed. The number is shown on the employee's insurance book and identification card. Postmasters are authorized to sell unemployment insurance stamps to such an employer on the production of a written statement even though he may not be licensed.

"Each stamp represents the combined contribution by the employer and the employee. The employer pays the whole cost of the stamps in the first instance and is entitled to deduct the employee's share of the cost from the employee's wages. Full information regarding stamps and rates of contribution will be supplied by any local office of the Commission.

"Generally a tradesman will have his insurance book in his own possession and will present it to the farmer to be stamped. If the employee does not have his insurance book with him and the employment exceeds six days,

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### After Harvest Tasks

After the harvest and its long hours of heavy toil, writes D. M. McLean, assistant director of Line Elevators

the farmer should consult the local office as to the procedure for obtaining a book and arranging for payment of the contributions.

"Where a farmer engages a contractor to make repairs or do other work for him and the contractor has his own employees, the contractor will of course be responsible for insuring them, and the farmer need not take any action in this matter.

"Where an employee is hired by a farmer to do actual farm work, such as plowing or caring for stock, he is of course non-insurable, irrespective of whether he may have been in some insurable employment previously."

Farm Service, much remains to be done on the farm, and, as everyone finds, there seems to be so little time to do it. "With the first cold rains of fall," he continues, "there is the sound of hammer and saw as sagging doors are made secure, and the siding on the piggery is made tight against the snows. The manure pile behind the barn is hauled out and spread on next year's fallow field. The potatoes and root vegetables are dug and stored, for killing frosts are in the offing. The harvest machinery is greased and painted and placed under cover. The agricultural representative calls to teach new methods of culling the farm flock of its loafers and aged hens. . . . After these autumn days, the farmer will have time for thought and leisure, time to enjoy life a little more and to plan for the harvest to come."

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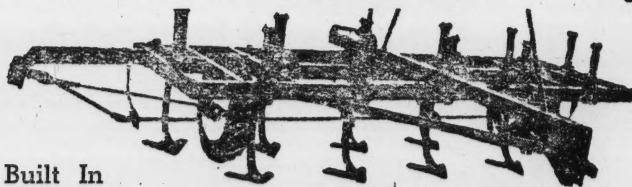
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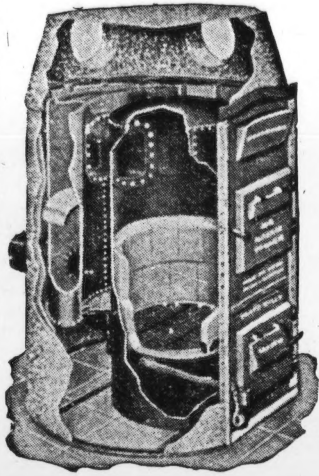
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## POST-WAR CHRONICLE

**Oct. 5th.** — Chinese Communists begin drive against Canton. UN committee on relationships of Greece with other Balkan states has already made "some progress," declares Canadian L. B. Pearson, a member of the committee. Agreement to plan common defence against aggression from any quarter reached by defence ministers of 12 Atlantic Pact countries, meeting in Washington.

**Oct. 6th.** — In two diplomatic notes, U.S. charges Russia has made East Germany a "police state." Belgrade reports Yugoslavia has expelled members of Czech and Polish embassy staffs. U.S. Department of Justice asks Supreme Court to give ruling against racial segregation. "Tokyo Rose," Japanese-American, sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for treasonable broadcasts during war.

**Oct. 7th.** — East German republic proclaimed. Between three and five thousand reported arrested in Prague in sudden police drive. U.S. Government orders John L. Lewis to resume negotiations to end coal strike.

**Oct. 8th.** — Defence Department will cut naval air arm by about half, stated in Washington. East and West Germany sign trade agreement.

**Oct. 9th.** — Rightist party leads in Austrian elections. Poll conducted by Sunday Pictorial (London) chooses Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, as next Labor Prime Minister.

**Oct. 10th.** — Canada, with Britain, U.S., and five other countries, sign agreements (reached at conference in Annecy, France) to reduce trade barriers. Czech arrests are result of discovery of "biggest underground network," says Communist spokesman in Prague; states U.S. army intelligence believed implicated.

**Oct. 11th.** — Donald Gordon, who was chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, is appointed Canadian National Railways president. East German Communists select Wilhelm Pieck as first president of new republic.

**Oct. 12th.** — U.S. will not abandon present policies in western Germany, declares Acheson. U.S. Senate passes Anderson farm bill, based on flexible parity prices, ignoring Brannan plan (supported by Truman). N. V. Godze, under sentence of death for shooting of Gandhi, refused permission to appeal conspiracy charges to Privy Council. Lord Boyd Orr awarded Nobel Peace Prize for 1949.

**Oct. 13th.** — No election this year, announces Attlee. Last members of Nationalist Government abandon Canton. British exports to U.S. for September show marked increase over August, but adverse balance of trade abroad still nearly £36 millions. Polygamy to be made illegal in Israel—is practised by some Moslem Arabs and Asiatic Jews. Yugoslavia makes formal complaint to UN Secretary Trygve Lie that strings are being pulled behind the scenes to keep her off the security council.

**Oct. 14th.** — Eleven U.S. Communists convicted of conspiring to teach overthrow of U.S. Government by force. Conviction to be appealed. If allowed to stand their party would in effect be outlawed. Chinese Communist troops enter Canton, unopposed. Stalin urges Russian-German co-operation.

**Oct. 15th.** — Chinese Communist forces move southwards from Canton. L. Rajk, former cabinet minister of Hungary, executed (convicted of conspiracy against government).



LORD BOYD ORR

## McFall Again Heads Alberta Agrologists

James R. McFall of Calgary was last week re-elected President of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists; and Dr. C. W. Farstad, in charge of Science Service of the Dominion Entomological Branch at Lethbridge, was elected President. Other members of the Council of the Institute are: John Keay, Dominion Dairy Branch, Calgary; Dr. L. E. Tyner, Dominion Plant Pathology Branch, Edmonton; Dr. A. G. McCalla, Department of Plant Science, University of Alberta, Edmonton; P. Wyllie, Agricultural Field Service, Leduc; C. H. Anderson, Assistant Superintendent, Dominion Experimental Station, Beaverlodge; W. L. Jacobson, P.F.R.A., Lethbridge; F. N. Miller, Edmonton, Provincial Director of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, of which the Alberta Institute of Agrologists is the Provincial Council. The election of the Executive was held in Edmonton.

### S.A.D.P. SECTION

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demand will go down considerably now, no doubt, first accumulated needs having been met.

### Record in Housing

As regards housing, I don't think they have done so badly. Homes have been provided seven times as fast as after the first World War. By the autumn of 1948, including conversions, the target of 750,000 homes was reached and over 25,000 houses are being built a month.

Houses are being built to let for the people who need them most, not for sale to those with most money, as before the war.

The United States delegate on the United Nations Building Committee says that if the rest of Europe built houses as fast and as economically as Britain there would be no need for his committee.

The question is asked will Britain rise again? Well, she leads Europe now in economic recovery. Senator Connally of Texas says the United States and Britain could save the world working together. He also says if Britain falls, the United States will follow in a few months. Yes, Britain will rise again. She is now setting a pattern to the rest of civilization, and she will again assume her former greatness as a power and as a leader of the peoples towards the achievement of a juster and finer world.

In conclusion, let me say this: When Mr. Burns learned that I was going to Britain, he remarked: "when you're there, don't curse a rainy day. Just spend the time writing your impressions of what you find." That rather scared me. But when I landed on the other side and saw that conditions are so much better than some of our newspapers would have led us to believe, I was grateful to Mr. Burns for the opportunity he had given me. I consider it a privilege to have been able to present these few first-hand impressions through the S.A.D.P. Section of *The Western Farm Leader*.

**Oct. 16th.** — Advance of Communists across China is almost without incident, says Canadian Ambassador Davis, on arrival in Vancouver; says businesses, residences, left alone by well-disciplined Red troops.

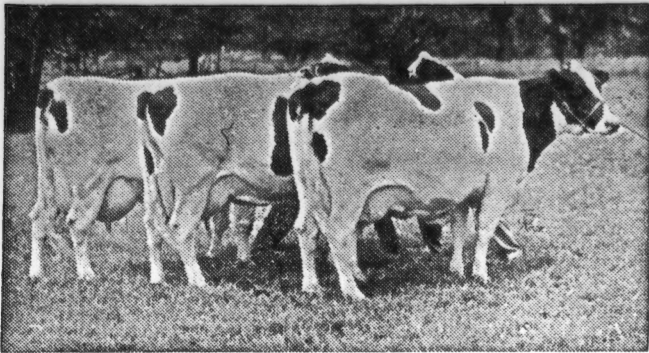
**Oct. 17th.** — Aluminum workers join soft coal and steel strikers in U.S.

**Oct. 18th.** — Communists take old treaty port of Amoy, in China; Nationalist president Li Tsung-jen, in Chungking, says tide can still be turned against Communists if "government is renovated without delay." Death of Marshal Tolbukhin, who recaptured Sevastopol from the Nazis in 1944, announced in Moscow.

**Oct. 19th.** — U.S. will support Yugoslavia for seat on UN Council, against Russian opposition, is report from Lake Success; Britain expected to back Czechoslovakia.



## Here Are a Few of World's Champion Holsteins



Two of these three purebred Holsteins owned by J. W. Greenwood, Maple, Ont., hold World production records and the third is a former World Champion. At the left is **Roeland Rag Apple Daisy** (Very Good), new World Champion for butterfat in the senior four-year-old class of the 305 day division on twice-a-day milking with 841 lbs. fat from 18,727 lbs. milk; centre is **Roeland Cherry Re-Echo Rag Apple** (\*Excellent), former World champion in the same class as Daisy with 778 lbs. fat; at right, **Roeland Rag Apple Lilly** (Very Good), World Champion for butterfat in the junior two-year-old class of the yearly division on twice-a-day milking with 827 lbs. fat from 18,593 lbs. milk.

## Newfoundland Farmers Unite Their Forces

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. — Twenty-three agricultural societies in Newfoundland have formed one body—the Newfoundland Farmers' Association, which is expected to apply for membership in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

## Soil Conservation

Soil conservation methods used in many countries are described in a pamphlet issued by FAO, Washington, D.C. Particular attention is given to modern developments in the U.S.A. and to the centuries of soil conservation practices in China. There is a large number of excellent illustrations from many parts of the world, selected from more than 12,000 photographs.

## OTTAWA LETTER

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spent on the project, and before it is finished the costs will run up towards \$20,000,000. Here again there has been no agreement between the Dominion and Provincial Governments. "When there is an agreement to sign we will certainly sign it, but there is not any agreement to sign," Mr. Gardiner said.

## Propose 50-50 Division

It appears that the Federal Government's approach to the problem of apportioning costs is that there should be a 50-50 distribution of costs between the Dominion and the Province, with the Province collecting some of the money from the farmers. That is in accord with the suggestion of a commission that investigated the project. Mr. Gardiner holds that the division on an equal scale between the Dominion and Provinces might equitably apply to other major projects in Western Canada.

## Great Saskatchewan River Project

Of great and increasing interest have been the discussions on the great South Saskatchewan River irrigation and power project. The amount of \$2,000,000 is to be spent this year on engineering surveys and various investigational work. It was estimated earlier that the cost would be about \$66,000,000, but it is now believed that the cost would be \$100,000,000 or more.

It is recognized as a project of immense importance to the industrial development of the West, but there is a great deal of preliminary work that has to be done. There has to be the assurance that use will be made of its irrigation and power facilities, and that the lake of very considerable size that would be created by the dam wouldn't serve simply for boating excursions. There is further the agreement on division of cost, in a way that will be practical and equitable,

## Announce Full List U.F.A. Co-operative Delegates Elected

Full slate of delegates elected to attend to the first Annual Convention since its reorganization of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative, Limited, is announced below. The meeting will be held in the Labor Temple, Calgary, Monday and Tuesday, November 14th and 15th.

**District A**—for two years: 1, Albert Anderson, Box 327, Medicine Hat; 2, Miss Molly Coupland, Box 433, Lethbridge; 3, Orrin Hart, Claresholm; 4, C. H. Anderson, Scandia; 5, Harold Scheer, Strathmore.

**District B**—for one year: 1, Mrs. Nels Berger, Nanton; 2, Alex Paul, Blackie; 3, John Fairweather, Bowness; 4, R. M. McCool, 1403 - 6th St. N.W., Calgary; 5, W. H. Evans, Balzac.

**District C**—for two years: 1, A. H. Boulter, Oyen; 2, Lorne Proudfoot, Chinook; 3, J. K. Sutherland, Hanna; 4, J. H. Poland, Drumheller; 5, J. H. Schmaltz, Beiseker.

**District D**—for one year: 1, George N. Johnston, Loyalist; 2, Mrs. Louise Lansing, Viking; 3, W. A. Lamrock, Coronation; 4, R. Shaw, Bawlf; 5, Mrs. R. F. Roose, Camrose.

**District E**—for two years: 1, David Kaechele, Ghost Pine Creek; 2, Ray W. Wood, Carstairs; 3, Andrew F. Silver, Huxley; 4, W. W. Sim, Tees; 5, Mrs. Winifred Ross, Millet.

**District F**—for one year: 1, John Liss, Sangudo; 2, Mrs. M. E. Lowe, R.R. No. 2, St. Albert; 3, S. A. Sanford, Vegreville; 4, No Nominee; 5, R. C. Ponting, Westlock.

**District G**—for two years: 1, V. C. Flint, Beaverlodge; 2, Oscar Gudlaugson, Clairmont; 3, No Nominee; 4, John W. Eastman, Brownvale; 5, Samuel D. Simpson, Fairview.

## Board of Co-operative

The present Board of United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Limited is composed of: M. H. Ward, Arrowwood; George E. Church, Balzac; Jake Frey, Arneson; Mrs. N. D. Lehman, Box 14, Camrose; G. L. Pritchard, Wetaskiwin; George MacLachlan, Clyde; George Sayle, Clairmont; A. B. Wood, Dewberry; R. Hennig, Fort Saskatchewan; D. H. Smith, Drumheller; under the chairmanship of George E. Church.

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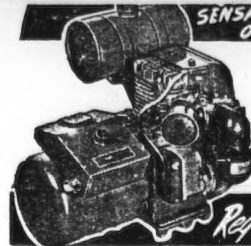
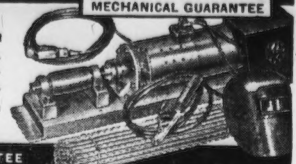
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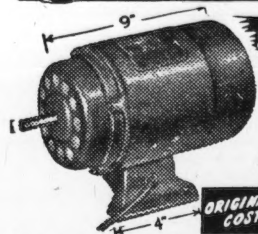
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## FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

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### TALKING ABOUT HOBBIES

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Dear Farm Women:

Some of us were talking of hobbies the other day. Naturally everyone agreed that hobbies could add much to life, whether of the young, the ones in the prime of life, or the more elderly people who frequently have more leisure in which to indulge in them.

It reminded me first of a book I had just seen, "This Is Crocheting," by Mabel Evans (McMillan & Co., \$3.25). Many women have made that a hobby, and to anyone who has or indeed to one who wishes to try a hand at it, the book should be most interesting. It has excellent photographs with accompanying directions for the up-to-the-minute styles in garments for young and for old and also for the house, as well as the simplest of directions for the one trying to take the first stitches. I can well fancy some of the articles being most appreciated as Christmas gifts.

#### Making a Violin

And the subject made me go farther afield. I noticed that an old man living nearby had put two violins in the "Hobby Show" division in the recent Agricultural Fair. I wondered if I might see or hear something that would interest you or me, so I went over to see him. I certainly was rewarded, as far as I was concerned.

I found him at the moment busily engaged in shaping the front of a violin he was making. I realized immediately that anyone taking this for a hobby must be possessed of wonderful patience. He said he considered three essentials to produce a fine-

toned violin were: first, wood which must be well seasoned — at least ten years, if not longer; second, there must be absolute accuracy in the work; and thirdly, there must be a love for the work.

He was making the back and also the ribs and neck of British Columbia curly maple, which he said was the equal of any wood in the world both for tone and beauty in the finished instrument. The maple of Eastern Canada seems to be a harder wood. The fronts of the violin are often made of spruce or of Swiss pine, which he said was really a European spruce.

On one he had finished I saw the beautiful effect of the polished maple, and noted closely the decorative purfling which adds to the appearance and is also inserted to keep the wood from cracking. When you realize that the purfling consists of three strips of wood, two dark and one white, inserted in that narrow groove, you can see the accuracy there must be. That can be bought, but he has made his himself. On some of the cheaper instruments it is sometimes marked in ink.

#### Great Aim Is Beauty of Tone

Of course all this was largely of interest because it added to the beauty of the instrument. The great aim is to make one that has a beautiful tone. Listening to our friend, I could quite see the keen interest it involved and his hopeful anticipation when it was put to the test.

But I was very interested because I realized that this work had so widened the man's interests in so many fields — the looking for the very scarce curly maples in the woods, for instance. It had made for pleasurable contacts with other workers at the same hobby. Also, now he had the happy satisfaction of realizing he could produce a good instrument. In addition, the sale brought in a small income, but he admitted there was more interest than income in the work.

For the encouragement of any who may feel inclined to spend their time regretting that they are too old to undertake something they wish they had in their younger days, I might add that this man began taking lessons on the violin when he was over sixty-five and was older when he made his first violin. It had all meant a great deal to him, for he had received an injury in his work as motor mechanic and his hobby must necessarily be light work. But, of course, as he said, Stradivarius, the world's greatest maker of violins, continued making them until he was ninety or over!

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

### Co-operative Home Building in Palestine

GENEVA, Switzerland. — Development of co-operative home building has been one of the most interesting aspects of co-operative activity in Palestine in post-war years, according to a recent survey made by the International Labor Office here.

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In these Jewish housing projects, usually established on a community basis, provision is made for the construction of halls, creches and kindergartens, schools, co-operative stores,

### News of Women's Locals

Arrangements for a whist drive were made at the last meeting of Swallow F.W.U.A. The letter on social welfare was read by Mrs. Davis, and it was decided to send for information on the new medical plan, writes Mrs. Betty Esau, secretary.

At the opening of a recent meeting of Conrich F.W.U.A., Mrs. Higley conducted a beautiful memorial for the late Miss Janet Hodgson; a short reading was followed by two minutes' silence and one verse of "Rock of Ages." Mrs. C. F. Giles, secretary, also writes that the guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Pettinger from the Cancer Campaign headquarters. For later meetings, a parade of styles from the "gay nineties" to the present, with a tea, and a variety program, were planned.

clinics, libraries, playgrounds, clubs, etc. These building schemes also provide access to group insurance through which, in the event of the death of the head of the family, the remainder of the mortgage loan is covered and the dependents freed from the burden of rent.

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## Action Is Called For to Promote Mental Health

Convention Speaker to Spearhead Attack on Problem

By SUSAN M. GUNN

Looking forward to the coming Annual Convention of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, Mrs. R. B. Gunn, Second Vice-President of the organization, discusses one of the major subjects to be dealt with on that occasion. She expresses the hope that an address to be given by an eminent authority, Dr. Clarence M. Hinche, Director of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, will spearhead positive action on the part of the delegates.—EDITOR.

OUR farm people have set their faces towards the promotion of mental health in Alberta. The following figures from the pen of Prof. S. R. Laycock, Director of the Division on Education and Mental Health of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, will serve to highlight the need for concerted action:

"Out of every one hundred children in our schools, four or five will at some time in their lives, become patients in mental hospitals; four or five others will suffer from serious mental illness but be treated at home or in a general hospital; one or two will commit some major crime or delinquency which will land them in a jail or other penal institution; three or four are suffering from a sufficiently serious defect that, without special training, they will be unlikely to become self-supporting and self-respecting citizens, and from thirty to fifty will be handicapped all their lives in respect of happiness and efficiency." That is, in any class of one hundred Canadian children, fifty-four of them will at some time in their lives have some form of mental illness.

### To Spearhead Attack on Problem

The distinguished psychiatrist, Dr. Clarence M. Hinche, Director, National Committee for Mental Hygiene, has accepted an invitation from the F.U.A. to address the next Annual Convention in Calgary on the subject of mental health. An address by this eminent authority should spearhead the attack on a problem of profound significance to every one of us.

We all realize that we live in an age of speed, and great activity. Like Alice in Wonderland, "we have to run as fast as ever we can, just to keep in the same place." This may be interesting, but it also carries with it certain dangers. For, unless we are very careful, we may become tense, "all tied up in knots inside," worried and irritable. When these attitudes become habitual, it is not a good thing for us mentally, and, at the same time, our physical efficiency is impaired.

### Cause Harmful Psychological Changes

Because emotions such as hate, fear, anxiety, frustration, cause psychological changes. We readily understand this when we think of the small boy, who, frightened by a barking dog ran to his father. His father asked, "Are you afraid?" "No," replied the little fellow, "I'm not afraid, but my stomach is."

The book, "Keeping a Sound Mind," by Dr. J. J. Morgan, Professor of Psychology, North Western University, is the source of information for the following quiz on mental health:

### Quiz on Mental Health

1. Are you happy? Happiness is a symptom, a sign that things are going well with you.

2. Have you breadth of vision? While adhering to your own form of political alignment, or religious preference, or fraternal association, can

you see and respect the other fellow's point of view?

3. Can you do things smoothly and easily? Lack of muscular co-ordination and emotional poise are indicated if you become "all thumbs" under slight pressure, if your voice rises in pitch under even slight excitement.

4. Do you enjoy solving the problems that crop up in your daily life? Do you face them in an attitude of difficulties to be overcome, or do you avoid them and let things slide?

5. Have you an objective in life? Do you consciously plan for the future or do you day dream in aimless, wishful thinking?

6. Do you get along well with people? Or are you like Jock the raw recruit, of whom his mother said, "Look, they're all out of step but Jock."

Finally, according to Dr. Morgan, the most important principle of mental health is to face reality, whatever it may be, and proceed to work things out to the best of your ability.

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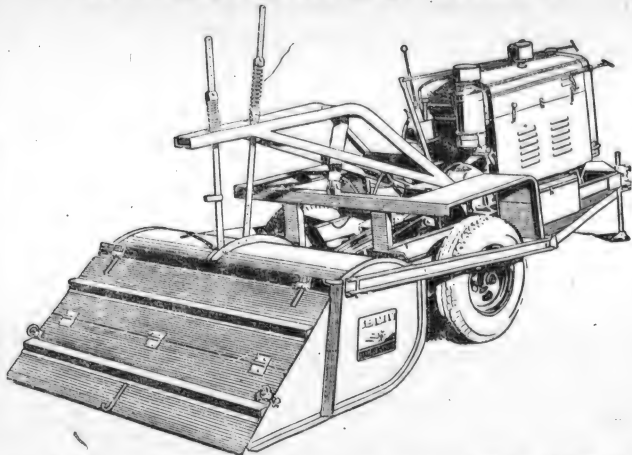
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#### A.F.A. BRIEF ON RADIO (Continued from Page 1)

##### Pride in National Radio

Pride is expressed in the development of broadcasting in Canada, the Board of Governors and staff are commended "for the spirit, effort and ability" in which their work is done, "while," it is further stated, "we appreciate the initiative, effort and co-operation exercised willingly by many of the owners and staff of private stations." We recognize the service rendered

particularly to our farm organizations by both the CBC and private stations.

The suggestion which has been made in attacks on the CBC, to the effect that the national system is undemocratic is sharply repudiated. "We suggest," states the brief, "that it is most democratic. The first responsibility is that of service to the people. To carry this out it has been made responsible to Parliament, the elected representatives of the people . . ."

## World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,  
Superintendent of Publicity,  
Alberta Wheat Pool

World wheat production is estimated at 6.1 billion bushels as compared with 6.4 billion in 1948 and the average from 1935 to 1939 of 6,021,000,000 bushels. The United States department of agriculture estimates that world exports will continue to be large and may approximate those of a year ago.

Wheat exports in 1948-49 from the four principal exporting countries — United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina — totalled about 950 million bushels. In 1947-48 the total was 935 million bushels. If outturns in Australia and Argentina are near normal, supplies of wheat in surplus producing countries are expected to be ample to meet world import needs for another year of reasonable balance between supplies and requirements in prospect.

#### Total Supplies 1.4 Billion

The United States' big wheat crop, together with a carry-over, provides total supplies of about 1.4 billion bushels. This will be sufficient to meet all domestic requirements and provide for a carry-over of around 300 million bushels, making available around 450 million bushels for export.

The Canadian wheat crop is now placed at 371.6 million bushels, the figure for the Prairie Provinces being 342 million. Harvesting of the prairie crop is almost complete and deliveries have been substantial. It is believed

#### presentatives of the people . . .

As against the charge that the CBC should not control all radio because in doing so it would be in the position of playing and umpiring the game at the same time, the Federation finds this to be a false comparison. Furthermore, to set the CBC, whose function is public service, on a basis of competition with private stations which are in business first to make money, would be unfair; just as it would be unfair to expect the private stations to make public service their first aim.

#### Methods of Financing

Dealing with the financing of national broadcasting by the CBC, the brief points out that few organizations rendering service to the people as their essential function have adequate means of meeting their costs. "These all suffer the same handicap, but when they appeal to the public for more assistance, no one suggests that they vacate their particular field and let someone in who can make money."

While accepting the principle that financing of national radio should be mainly by license fee, the brief suggests that it "is not practical and would be unwise at this time" to raise the fee to \$5, because "those most in need of radio, both urban and rural, are least able to pay," and the cost of running battery sets, which are general in rural areas, is greater than that of running sets which can plug in for electricity.

The brief does not advise special taxes (on radio equipment and receiving sets, for instance) for financing radio, but recommends a three-fold policy: (1) Continuance of the \$2.50 license fee; (2) an appropriation by statute on a per capita basis, "with sufficient flexibility to allow for a sliding scale bearing some realistic relationship to the general economic position of the nation"; (3) reasonable margin of profit to private stations, but if earnings exceed this, they be required to pay a percentage of such excess profits for national radio operation and development.

Funds for capital expenditures for television, if the time has come to undertake it, proposes the brief, should be provided by the national treasury, while license fees could carry a greater license fee for operating expense than sound broadcasting because it is at present in the luxury category.

## Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Oct. 19th. —With extremely heavy receipts, this market is active at fully steady prices. In the first two days of this week, 3,037 cattle were weighed. Hogs sold yesterday at \$27.50, sows \$16.25 to \$16.50, liveweight. Good lambs were \$19.50 to \$20, good ewes \$8 to \$9. Good to choice butcher steers brought \$13.50 to \$19.50, odd tops \$20, down to \$16 for common; good butcher heifers \$17 to \$17.50, down to \$14 for common; good cows \$12.75 to \$13.25, down to \$11.25 for common; canners and cutters \$9 to \$11, good bulls \$14 to \$15, down to \$11 for common; good to choice veal calves \$17.50 to \$19, down to \$14 for common; good stocker and feeder steers \$17.50 to \$19, down to \$15 for common.

## The Dairy Market

Prices for solids have increased slightly in outside markets; Montreal is now quoting 59½, Toronto 59½ to 59¾; and Vancouver 58. Locally, prints remain at 60 and Special butterfat at 61 cents. Butter production in Canada was up 4 per cent in September as compared with the same month a year ago, and it is stated that conditions (in the country generally) are very favorable for continued good volume of production.

that the Wheat Board has made heavy sales and there will be no great difficulty in disposing of the Canadian wheat surplus this year.

While this year's prairie wheat production is about 21 million bushels less than last year's outturn, deliveries may be larger than the production figures would indicate. This is the last year of the five-year pool being operated by the Wheat Board with a guaranteed price of \$1.75 a bushel basis 1 Northern at the terminal. The chances are that farmers' bins will be cleaned out before July 31st, 1950. The bureau of statistics estimated that on July 31st, 1949, wheat in store on farms totalled 42.4 million bushels.

Dry weather has prevailed over most of Alberta during the harvest season. Last week fairly heavy rain was experienced in southern Alberta. Like last season, the subsoil is deficient in moisture.

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## A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary  
**A.F.A. Annual Meeting**—Plans have been completed to hold the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in Edmonton on December 14th, 15th and 16th. Place of meeting will be the Masonic Temple. Registration of delegates will commence at 9:00 a.m. with the meeting getting under way at 10:00 a.m.

The duration of the Annual Meeting has been extended one day so there will be sufficient time to discuss the various reports to be brought in and also to give sufficient time to consider resolutions from the member bodies.

The A.F.A. office is not making any reservation of hotel rooms, so would urge those planning to attend to make their own reservations at an early date.

**Royal Commission on Arts, Letters and Sciences**—The Federation has prepared a brief which will be submitted to the commission while it sits in Edmonton on Friday, October 21st.

The main submission will deal with national radio and will be read into the records by R. C. Marler, President.

Mrs. Ross will make the second submission on behalf of the Federation, dealing largely with rural libraries in relation to rural community life.

**Machinery Freight Rates**—If you have been a regular reader of these notes you may remember our report of filing protest against any increase in machinery freight rates.

Last December the railways announced their intention of increasing these rates. On receipt of numerous protests, the main ones coming from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Canadian Federation of Farm Equipment Dealers and the Canadian Manufacturers Association, the Board of Transport Commissioners suspended the increase pending hearing by the Board.

This hearing convened in Ottawa recently and arguments from the parties concerned were heard. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture presented a strong brief on behalf of the Prairie Federations of Agriculture whose members are vitally affected. It is evident that the arguments presented against the increase carried considerable weight in that the sitting was adjourned until a later date for further argument and decision.

## FARM HOME &amp; GARDEN

Other Farm Women's Features on Pages 10 and 11.

**Mock Angel Cake:** Cream 1 cup white sugar with 1½ tbs. butter; add ½ cup milk and 1 tsp. vanilla; sift 1 heaping cup flour with 2 tsp. baking powder and ¼ tsp. salt, and add to first mixture; lastly fold in the stiffly beaten whites of 2 eggs and bake in moderate oven.

**Grape and Apple Butter:** Prepare Concord grapes and apples (separately) by cooking and pressing through fruit press or sieve. To each cup of grape pulp add 1 cup apple pulp and 1 cup sugar; cook mixture until thick (about 20 minutes).

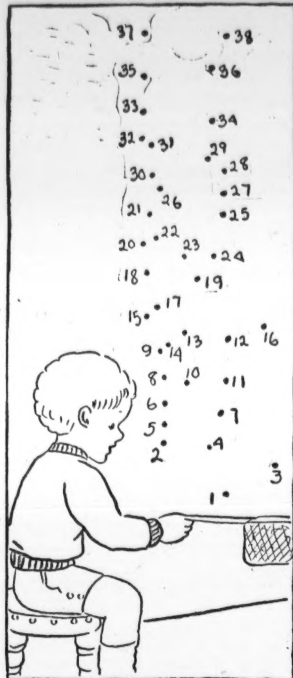
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**Beets and Carrots** will keep best, says the Dominion Department of Agriculture information service, in slatted bins, mixed with slightly moistened sphagnum moss. The moss should be mixed thinly through the roots and a thin layer placed on top.

### Favor Master Farm Community Awards

"What I am thankful for," was the roll call topic at a recent meeting of Edmonton F.W.U.A., and a discussion took place on the possibility of "Master Farm Community" awards, rather than individual Master Farmer awards. A committee of five led a panel discussion on international affairs, stressing the part being played by Canadian farmers and their products. At the close of the meeting a delicious lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. E. H. O'Neil, reports the press secretary, Mrs. Phyllis Flewelling, who adds that "the ladies present thoroughly enjoyed Mrs. O'Neil's kind hospitality, and had a very pleasant and worthwhile afternoon. Thanks again to Mrs. O'Neil."

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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

So the good old British pound has been crippled in the financial wars and now has to hobble along on dollar crutches. However, with so many orthodox monetary doctors on hand to give the Old Country advice, no doubt she will be able to recover.

We see where a Florida woman

secured a divorce because her husband hit her in the eye with a Webster's dictionary. What else could he expect, snaps Wally, our incurable bach.; he ought to have known that a husband never has the last word.

Time was when Social Crediters were referred to as exponents of a "funny money" system. But right now, it seems to this column,

that the whole world is dealing in "phony" money.

Oh yes, and as Cynical Gus remarks, the only reason U.S. dollars are called "hard" currency is because they are hard to get.

### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

The only safeguard against Galluping Politis is common sense.

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Where is the Pound that I used to know?

### TODAY'S BRIGHT OOZE

Burning the scandal at both ends has set many a neighborhood on fire.

Add similes: As hot as a Mexican tamale made by a Chinese cook in a Greek restaurant in Edmonton.

### WE SHOULD WORRY!

For the second time a correspondent has called our attention to certain anti-British sentiment that is now becoming vociferous in the U.S., and being Canadian-born, he asks us to comment on the true British character. We feel we cannot do better than quote the following lines:

*I vow to thee, my country—all earthly things above—  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love,  
The love that asks no questions; the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.*

*And there's another country, I've heard of long ago—  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know—  
We may not count her armies: we may not see her king—  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering—  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.  
—Cecil Spring-Rice (British Ambassador to the United States, 1912-1918)*

(Note: The above was written January 12th, 1918, the last night which he spent at the British Embassy in Washington at the end of his service to England, and a little more than a month before his death.)

We see by the papers that the Alberta Government is spending \$28,000 on cultural activities this year. After making only umpteen millions profit out of the liquor traffic, the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest is astonished that they can afford such a colossal amount.

And for the benefit of F.S., Lethbridge, we pause to remark that the work of Alberta poets does not come under the classification of cultural activities.

### BALLADE OF THE DEVALUED POUND

Prince, I am scared of financial wiles,  
Almost I'm brought to the point of tears,  
And gone, alas, are my cheerful smiles,  
Along with the cash that disappears  
Into the maw of the monied seers.  
A quid is a quid no longer, so  
How shall a dollar allay my fears?  
Where is the Pound that I used to know?

Ah, who are building their golden piles,  
Just as they did in the wartime years,  
From once rich stores of the British Isles?  
Methinks, methinks, 'tis the profiteers.  
The sheep are ready so wield the shears  
To clip their wool for devalued dough,  
And vain it is that I ask my peers,  
Where is the Pound that I used to know?

The while this puzzle my time beguiles,  
The dollar guys can look on with jeers:  
And while I scan the financial files  
The market wind just veers and veers,  
But never a British worker cheers,  
But sighs for the days of long ago.  
I cry aloud, but nobody hears—  
Where is the Pound that I used to know?

### L'ENVOI

Prince, the end of my ballade nears  
Devalued rhino my rhyming queers.

Having castigated some of our contributors for taking too lengthy a vacation, we are now called upon to apologize by letting them prove that they have been wooing the muse as well as taking in the sights of Alberta's glorious mountain scenery. So here goes:

### TO OLGA

Smiling face upon us beaming,  
What have you to fear?  
Sparkling eyes, like starlight gleaming,  
Bring enchantment near.

Time is joy and life is music—  
All is magic show.  
"Now" is sure — the rest is puny  
Whirling, rapid flow.

Stay awhile, fair one, and please us  
In your loveliness,  
With your laughing eyes to tease us—  
Bringing happiness.  
—Volodimir Barabash.

Thanks, Volly, you might bring Olga around sometime and introduce us to such a nice mouse.

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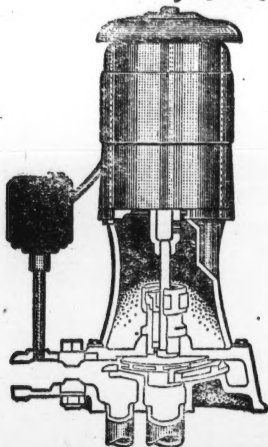
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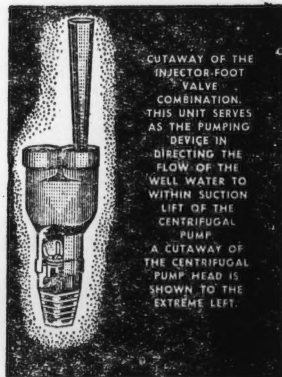
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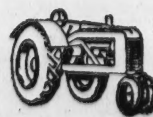
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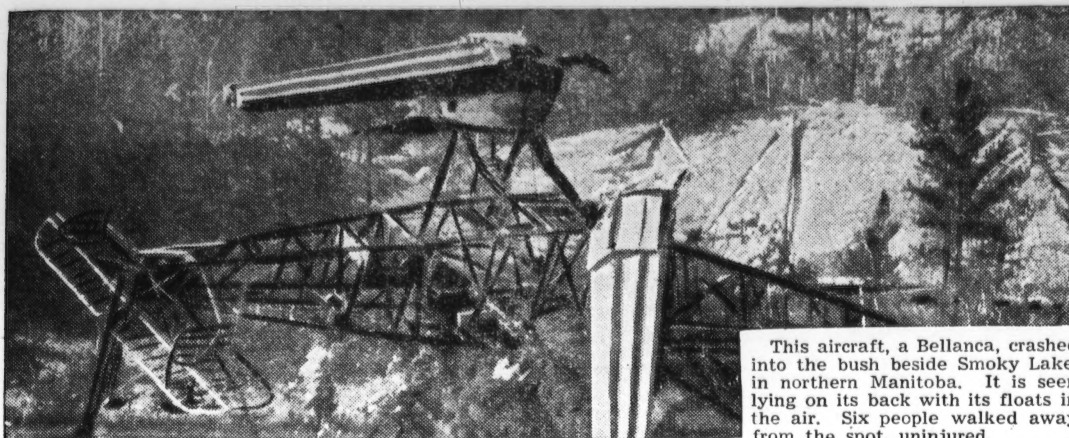
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